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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

APPLICANT: Peter LAIS et al  
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10 INVENTION: **"COUPLING ELEMENT AND DOCKING DEVICE  
COMPRISING A COUPLING ELEMENT"**

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Sir:

20 As a Preliminary Amendment to entry into the National Stage for the  
above-identified PCT application, the following is submitted: